GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES
VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom authorities bring out telephone directories annually for free distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether more than two-thirds of metro telephone districts and circles do not bring out directories annually;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether apart from causing inconvenience to subscribers the non-publication of directories also resulted in the loss of potential revenue by way of royalty;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether printers in 16 districts have not paid royalty of more than Rs. 2.23 crores (during 1998-99) and whether the concerned circles have since made recoveries; and

(h) if so, whether the recoveries have since been made, if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (h): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.